

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: Esa SUOKAS et al.  
Group Art Unit: 3734  
Application No.: 10/565,023  
Examiner: Jennifer L. HORNBERGER  
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For: SYNTHETIC, BIOABSORABLE POLYMER MATERIALS  
AND IMPLANTS  
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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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In response to the Final Office Action of October 28, 2008, Applicants request that the Office Action be reconsidered in view of the Request for Continued Examination, the amendments and remarks as shown below.

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 6.